



# The *Spirit-Filled* Life

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# Introduction

- At conversion the believer receives the justified life. He is made righteous. This is followed by a consecrated life when we acknowledge the Lord's ownership, our lives.
- I Corinthians 6:19-20
- Matthew 26:39
- Ephesians 5:18
- Romans 8:16
- Luke 11:13

# 1. The Holy Spirit and the Believer

- The disciples were to tarry in Jerusalem waiting for Pentecost, Luke 24:49.
- Acts 2:4 was the fulfilment of this promise when the Spirit came to abide.  
Every believer has the Holy Spirit, but the Spirit does not control each believer.
- Believers choose to let the Holy Spirit govern every detail of their lives.

## 2. Filling is a command to be obeyed

- Ephesians 5:18 is a command.
- Let us know the overflowing Spirit, John 7:38-39
- The Greek language used here indicates that the filling is to be constant and continuous. The Apostle Peter was filled with the Spirit in Acts 2:4, again in Acts 4:8, and again in Acts 4:31.
- Each day needs its own new fulness.

# 3. Everyone needs the filling of the Holy Spirit

- We need it for our own benefit in order to be the best possible Christian. Without it we cannot attain to the Lord's will for us regarding character and service.
- The filling must be individually/personally received.
- The Spirit cannot illuminate our minds, warm our affections, purge our consciences or energize our wills until we surrender to Him and keep surrendered.

## 4. The Church needs every member to be Spirit-filled

- Tongues are a sign to the unbelievers of the reality of the Gospel to change lives, 1 Corinthians 14:22.
- The Church needs Spirit-filled members. If the filling is lacking, the Church is plagued with disorders, dissensions, strife, backbiting, jealousy and scandal.

# 5. The world expects believers to be Spirit-filled

- Our Christian walk is twofold: (1) Godward and (2) outward to fellowmen.
- We cannot be effective witnesses if we are not Spirit-filled. To do the work of the Lord in the energy of the flesh can only lead to disappointment and failure.

# 6. Conditions of filling by the Holy Spirit

- A. Forgiveness - Acts 2:38
- B. Sonship - Galatians 4:6
- C. Desire - John 7:37-39
- D. Faith - John 7:39
- E. Obedience - Acts 5:32
- F. Waiting - Luke 24:49, Acts 1:4
- G. Prayer - Luke 11:13
- H. Appropriate the fact -  
John 1:12, Luke 11:9-10

# 7. Results of being Spirit-filled

A. Power to witness - Acts 1:8

B. Power to live a victorious Christian life -  
Acts 20:22-24

C. Glory accrued to the Lord - John 16:14

The Holy Spirit is indispensable for holy living. He quickens the intellect, affections, conscience, will and personality. He is the secret to abiding, obeying and God-honouring trust in the Word.

# Conclusion

We are not reservoirs but channels. We must overflow. Blessings must pour out. Conversion first, then filling and overflowing. The Bible paints it like this:

1. An overflowing spring - John 4:14
2. Overflowing fountain - John 7:37 -39
3. An abundance of sap in the tree - Romans 8:11
4. As overflowing waters - Ephesians 5:18.

Remember the filling is not a once-for-all experience. It must be repeated daily.

# Review Questions

1. Give a negative and positive teaching from Ephesians 5:18.
2. Ought we to pray the prayer of Luke 11:13? Why?
3. Is the filling of the Holy Spirit simultaneous with conversion? Why?
4. What is the difference between being indwelt and filled with the Holy Spirit?
5. What is the mental picture received from Ephesians 5:18?
6. Does the filling of the Spirit come upon people by groups today? Why?
7. Is speaking in tongues proof of the filling of the Holy Spirit? Why?
8. How can saints live up to the expectations of unbelievers?
9. List 9 conditions of filling by the Holy Spirit.
10. List 6 results of being Spirit-filled.